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TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, TERMINAL  
DEVICE, TICKET MANAGEMENT SERVER,  
REGISTER DEVICE, VALUE CONVERSION  
METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM

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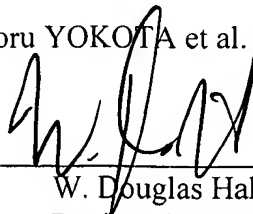
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Respectfully submitted,

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